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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

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Re:

D.T.E. 04-114, Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth

Electric Company – 2004 Reconciliation Filing

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the responses to the Information Requests set forth on the accompanying list.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Robert N. Werlin

Enclosures

cc: Service List

Responses to Information Requests

Information Request AG-2-3 Information Request AG-2-6 NSTAR Electric Department of Telecommunications and Energy D.T.E. 04-114

Information Request: **AG-2-3**

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Person Responsible: Christine L. Vaughan

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Information Request AG-2-3

Refer to the response to AG-1-[1]8. Please provide an estimate of the annual "congestion" costs associated with Mirant Kendall Station. Include all supporting documentation, calculations and assumptions. Include an explanation of how the Company incurs the Mirant related "congestion" charges. Provide a copy of the tariff under which the charges are made.

Response

The amount of annual congestion costs associated with Mirant Kendall Station is difficult to estimate because there is a substantial amount of uncertainty relating to this issue. However, depending on numerous assumptions and the outcome of regulatory proceedings, the high end of the estimate would be in the range of \$18–24 million. This is based on the following assumptions. The fixed charges would be established under the terms of the Mirant RMR Agreement referenced in the response to Information Request AG-2-1 and accepted by the FERC, and would be approximately \$1.14 million per month (\$13.7 million annually). In addition, variable out-of-merit operation ("SCR") costs could range from \$5–10 million per year. However, as noted in the response to Information Request AG-2-5, Cambridge is actively engaged in settlement discussions with Mirant, with the goal of lowering the RMR and SCR costs, which would reduce this estimate significantly. In addition, the agreement could be terminated with 120 days notice earlier than year-end dependent upon the progress of the new Cambridge transmission substation construction. For those reasons, Cambridge has included an estimate of only \$6 million in congestion costs for 2005 in Exhibit CAM-CLV-3 in its initial filling.

Please refer to the responses to Information Requests AG-2-2 and AG-2-7 for an explanation of how congestion-related charges are incurred and the response to Information Request AG-2-1 for the tariff under which the charges are made.

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According to publicly available documents in FERC docket ER05-26 an RMR contract between Mirant and ISO-NE was entered into. FERC accepted the RMR contract for filing, effective October 8, 2004, subject to refund. According to Exhibit CAM-CLV-3 (Supp) and the response to AG-1-18, the Company incurred Mirant Kendall related costs prior to October 8, 2004. Under what contract or regulatory provisions did the Company incur these costs?

Response

Please refer to the response to Information Request AG-2-1.